



COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE 9TH EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF DEFENCE AND SECURITY OF THE EASTERN AFRICA REGION, HELD IN KAMPALA, UGANDA, ON 5TH APRIL 2013

The Council of Ministers of Defence and Security of the Eastern Africa Region met at Imperial Royale Hotel, Kampala – Uganda on 5th April, 2013.

The meeting was chaired by **Hon Gen James Kabarebe**, the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Rwanda, and attended by **Hon. Maj Gen Pontien Gaciyubwenge**, Minister of Defence of the Republic of Burundi; **Hon Hamada Madi**, Director of Cabinet and In-charge of Defence of the Union of Comoros; **Col Youssouf Kayad Guelleh**, Representative of the Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Djibouti; **Brig Gen Gebre Adhana Woldezgu**, Representative of the Minister of National Defence of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia; **Lt Gen Samson Mwathethe**, Representative of the Ministry of State for Defence of the Republic of Kenya; **Col Clifford Roseline**, Representative of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Seychelles; **Rear Admiral Farah Omar Ahmed**, Representative of the Minister of Defence of the Federal Republic of Somalia; **Maj Gen Mubarak Abd Allah Babiker**, Representative of the Minister of Defence of the Republic of The Sudan; **Hon Gen Jeje Odongo**, Minister of State for Defence of the Republic of Uganda and **Maj Gen (Rtd) Cyrille Ndayirukiye**, Director of EASFCOM.

The meeting was opened by **Rt Hon Gen Moses Ali**, Third Deputy Prime Minister and the Leader of Government Business of the Republic of Uganda. The opening session was also attended by the Chairperson of the Friends of EASF, **Mr Tomas Konigsfeldt** from the Kingdom of Denmark.

In attendance was a delegation of the **Republic of South Sudan** led by **Dr. Majak De Agoot Atem**, the Deputy Minister for Defence and Veterans Affairs, who attended the meeting as observer.

The Council, noting the various milestones in the Roadmaps of the African Standby Force (ASF) towards the achievement of Full Operational Capability (FOC) by the end of 2015;

1. **Approved** the EASF Calendar of Activities for 2013, among the main activities being the Field Training Exercise 2013 (FTX 2013), code named "**Field Training Exercise Mashariki Salaam 2013**" to be conducted in Jinja, the Republic of Uganda from 19th – 25th May 2013.
2. **Endorsed** the EASF Budget 2013 as well as the budget for the conduct of the FTX.

3. **Agreed** on the deployment of a multidimensional force comprising 1250 personnel composed of Military, Police and Civilian Components to participate in the Exercise.
4. **Endorsed** Mr. Gerard Nduwayo from the Republic of Burundi as the Head of Mission of the Exercise and Brig Gen Jack Bakasumba, the current Brigade Commander of EASF Brigade Headquarters, to serve as the Force Commander for the Exercise.
5. **Expressed appreciation** to the support of the Friends of EASF to the Field Training Exercise 2013. **Further appreciated** the continuous assistance to the Region in the establishment of an effective and efficient peace and security mechanism.
6. **Welcomed** the participation of the Republic of South Sudan as observers and encouraged them to join EASF as full member; **further, invited** the Republic of South Sudan to participate in the Field Training Exercise as observers.
7. **Thanked** the Government and the People of Uganda for the warm welcome and the hospitality accorded to the 9th Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Defence and Security of Eastern Africa.



Hon Gen James Kabarebe
The Minister of Defence of the Republic of Rwanda